

SENATE RESOLUTION 78
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barbara Blevins upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at Manley Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Blevins is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity for the past thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blevins has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Manley Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. Blevins will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to advance to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as a second grade teacher at Manley Elementary for the past twenty-three years, Barbara Blevins has a prestigious educational background which includes a Bachelor of Science degree plus 30 hours of post-graduate work from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, always striving to hone her instruction skills and diversify her learning, Ms. Barbara Blevins has taught computer classes in the school district and has attended technology development opportunities offered in the school district; and

WHEREAS, at Manley Elementary School, Ms. Blevins is involved with the Job Shadowing program and is a sponsor for CNC practicum students; she is also a former basketball and cheerleading sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blevins is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, voted best schoolteacher in 2002 in the *Citizen Tribune's* People's Choice Awards, Barbara Blevins truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a Career Level I teacher, Ms. Blevins is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the Lakeway Reading Council; she also works with Project Graduation and has tutored students who do not have the funds to pay for individual tutoring; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and active member of her community, Barbara Blevins is a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she sings in the choir and is a member of the scrapbooking and card-making clubs; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Barbara Blevins should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Barbara Blevins on being chosen as Manley Elementary School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.